

Brunswick School Board  
**MINUTES**  
Wednesday, July 10, 2019  
**\* Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. \***  
**with the**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Immediately following**  
Council Chambers  
Town Hall  
85 Union Street

School Board Members Present: James Grant, Chair; Benjamin Tucker, Vice Chair; Teresa Gillis; Celina Harrison; Joy Prescott; Sarah Singer; Elizabeth Sokoloff; Mandy Merrill and William Thompson (6:45)

School Board Members Absent: Maddie Wayne and Tyler Patterson, Student Liaisons

Staff Members Present: Paul Perzanoski, Superintendent; Shawn Lambert, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Ciembroniewicz, Coffin School Principal; Ann Young, Coffin School Assistant Principal; Gabriel Schuft, BJHS Assistant Principal; Brian Pressley, BHS Teacher

Guests: community members; and members of the press.

**Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Grant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a roll call.

**Executive Session**

**56. Consideration of Executive Session with Possible Action**

Vote to enter executive session pursuant to 1 MRSA 405(6) (A) for the purpose of personnel matters.

Motion to enter executive session.

Motion: Tucker      Second: Harrison      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present  
Approved to enter executive session.

The Board reconvened in public session.

**57. Possible Action as a Result of Item 56.**

Motion that the School Board direct the Superintendent to enter into a two-year contract with Gabriel Schuft for the BJHS Assistant Principal position, and Ann Young for the Coffin Elementary School Assistant Principal position.

Motion: Thompson      Second: Harrison      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present  
Congratulations and welcome to Mr. Schuft and Ms. Young.

**Adjustment to the Agenda**

None

**Consent Agenda Action**

Items on the Consent Agenda passed unanimously without objection.

**\*58. Consideration of Approval of the Minutes of June 12, 2019**

Consideration of Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2019

**\*59. Consideration of Appointment of School Physician Services for 2019-2020**

Appoint Martin's Point Health Care, Inc. to provide the services of School Physician for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, for a cost of \$1,500.

**Old Business**

None

**Communications/Correspondence**

Mr. Perzanoski and Board members received an email from PDT Architects. They have changed their name and effective July 8<sup>th</sup> they are now CHA Architecture.

**Public Participation**

None

**Superintendent's Report**

a. Building and Equipment:

Brunswick Bay Mobile Home Co-op – use of high school  
 Gujarati Community – use of HBS  
 Brunswick Parks and Recreation – use of schools  
 Girl Scouts of America – use of schools  
 Merrymeeting Adult Education - use of BHS  
 Town of Brunswick – use of schools  
 Bowdoin International Music Festival – use of BHS

Introduced Shawn Lambert, the new Assistant Superintendent.

b. Resignations:

- Kristen Hunter, Grade 5 Teacher, HBS, 5 years of service
- Christine Capobianco, Grade 6 Science Teacher, BJHS, 6 years of service

c. Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement:

- Peter Blake, Social Studies Teacher, BHS, 33 years of service

Thank them all for their contributions and wish them well.

d. Transfer:

- Rebecca Costa, from health teacher to PE teacher, BJHS
- Bridgette Brescia, from grade 6 social studies teacher, BJHS to grade 5 teacher, HBS
- Patricia Cantu, resource ed tech, HBS to math resource assistant, HBS
- Josh Levy, Assistant Principal, HBS to grade 6 social studies teacher, BJHS
- Tracy Carrier, Social Worker, HBS to Home School Coordinator/Social Worker, HBS

e. New Staff:

- Joshua Durney, Ed Tech III, HBS

f. Budget Report – P. Perzanoski

Reviewed the June 30, 2019 Expense and Revenue Report for the ending of our last fiscal year. We ended in the “black” again. Our estimated undesignated fund balance is \$2,647,878.25. We will be using \$2,111,364 to offset taxes, leaving us with \$536,514.25 for next year.

g. Update of Pre-K Program – S. Ciembroniewicz

Next year we will have one Pre-K classroom at Coffin School. When we move into the Kate Furbish Elementary School in the fall of 2020, we will have four Pre-K classrooms. There is an

ongoing Pre-K Advisory Committee whose plan is to bring a presentation of ideas to the School Board in December 2019 or January 2020. Next year's classroom will have two sessions. One session will be held on Monday and Wednesday and the second session will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays. Both sessions will be a full day, from 8:50am to 3:30pm, and each will have 15 students. On Friday there will be an Intervention Day for extra services and support to targeted students. This will also be a full day. School bus transportation will be available. The curriculum will be a DOE pilot program, "Pre-K for ME".

h. Update on Asylum Seekers – P. Perzanoski and S. Lambert

At a meeting with the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager, it was confirmed that thirty to forty Asylum Seekers could be coming to Brunswick. Mr. Lambert has been in contact with the DOE, the Greater Portland Council of Governments, and the Assistant City Manager of Portland. Portland Public Schools has already screened and registered all the school-aged children. Brunswick works for these families as the Breeze can provide transportation from Brunswick to Portland. There are two families confirmed at this time who are coming. They are eligible for ELL Services with the school department, and our understanding is that they speak both French and Portuguese. A Task Force of three councilors and three school board members has been proposed. Ms. Singer, Ms. Harrison, and Ms. Gillis have been selected as the board members to work on this task force.

i. School Board Workgroups

Tentative dates and times were given to board members.

## **Board Chair's Report**

### **Committee Reports**

a. Elementary School Building Committee – Sarah Singer

Had a meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>. They are still ahead of schedule. They received a review of construction activities. They discussed the furniture and equipment budget and the technology budget, both of which are significantly under-budgeted in the original bond. There is a Building Committee meeting tomorrow night at 6pm at the town hall.

Public Art Committee will be getting an RFP out.

Playground Sub-Committee has an RFQ out with a deadline of July 17.

### **New Business**

60. Consideration of the Superintendent's Nomination of Teachers for 2019-2020 School Year

Vote to elect the following teachers for the 2019-20 school year:

Jennifer Bowdish, Nurse, Coffin  
 Sandra Dwyer, Grade One Teacher, Coffin  
 Ashley LaCroix, K-5 Technology Integrator  
 Meghan Cushing, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math Teacher, BJHS  
 Stefanie Colson, Grade 5 Teacher, HBS  
 Chris Boynton, Special Ed Life Skills Teacher, BHS  
 Alexis Gillis, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, BJHS  
 Felicity Brewer, Computer Science Teacher, BHS  
 Brandon Duras, Director of Instrumental Music, BHS  
 Marianne Matson, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher, BJHS  
 Barton Czyz, Special Ed Resource Teacher, BJHS

With no objections from the Board, these teachers are approved by unanimous consent of the Board members present

61. Approve PDT to Complete Revolving Renovation Application for Brunswick Junior High School

Motion to allow the Superintendent of Schools to hire an architect and engineers to prepare applications with associated studies and field tests for the purpose of filing applications for repairs and upgrades to the Brunswick Junior High School and Coffin Elementary School on the 2020 School Revolving Renovation Fund Program. The approved budget for tests and application filing shall not exceed \$15,000 for all work including reimbursable expenses.

Motion: Singer      Second: Thompson      Vote: Unanimous of the Board members present

**Calendar/Announcements**

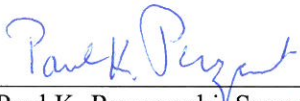
None

**Future Agenda Items**

None

**Adjournment**

By unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

  
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Paul K. Perzanoski, Secretary  
Brunswick School Board